

**§ 556. Administration**

In carrying out the provisions of section 553 of this title the Secretary of the Interior is authorized—

**(a) Employment of personnel**

to secure, by contract or otherwise, and without regard to the civil service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, for work of a temporary, intermittent, or emergency character, such personal services as may be deemed necessary for the efficient and economical performance of the work;

**(b) Employment of equipment**

to hire, with or without personal services, work animals and animal-drawn and motor-propelled vehicles and equipment, at rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior and without regard to the provisions of section 5 of title 41;

**(c) Contractual authority**

to procure all or any part of the surveys, investigations, and control or extinguishment work by contracts with engineers, contractors, or firms or corporations thereof;

**(d) Acquisition of lands, etc.**

to acquire lands or rights and interests therein, including improvements, by purchase, lease, gift, exchange, condemnation, or otherwise, whenever necessary for the purposes of this chapter;

**(e) Property restoration**

to repair, restore, or replace private property damaged or destroyed as a result of, or incident to, operations under this chapter; and

**(f) Contributions; cooperation with other agencies; disposition of moneys**

to receive and accept money and property, real or personal, or interests therein, as a gift, bequest, or contribution, for use in any of the activities authorized under this chapter; and to conduct any of the activities authorized under this chapter in cooperation with any person or agency, Federal, State, or private. Any money so received shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in an available trust fund to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Treasury upon certification by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the terms of the grant, and shall remain available until expended for the purposes for which received and accepted.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 6, 68 Stat. 1010.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The civil service laws, referred to in subsec. (a), are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, particularly, section 3301 et seq. of Title 5.

## CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” substituted for “the Classification Act of 1949, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 557. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary of the Interior may issue rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 7, 68 Stat. 1011.)

**§ 558. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums,<sup>1</sup> as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 8, 68 Stat. 1011; Pub. L. 102-486, title XXV, § 2504(d)(3), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3106.)

## AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-486 struck out “not to exceed \$500,000 annually,” after “such sums,”.

**CHAPTER 14—ANTHRACITE MINE DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL**

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**§ 571. Declaration of policy**

It is hereby recognized that the presence of large volumes of water in anthracite coal formations involves serious wastage of the fuel resources of the Nation, and constitutes a menace to health and safety and national security. It is therefore declared to be the policy of the Congress to provide for the control and drainage of water in the anthracite coal formations and thereby conserve natural resources, promote national security, prevent injuries and loss of life, and preserve public and private property, and to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety.

(July 15, 1955, ch. 369, § 1, 69 Stat. 352; Pub. L. 87-818, § 1(1), Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 934.)

## AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-818 declared it to be the policy of the Congress “to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety”.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 572 of this title.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The comma probably should not appear.